

Important Update: Low-Income AP Student Exam Fee Contribution 2014

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Distribute to: Principals, AP Coordinators, Back-up AP Coordinators

Dear Colleague,

While no final decisions have been made regarding federal funding for AP Exam subsidies for low-income students, there is a strong likelihood that this budget will be decreased for the 2014 exam administration due to sequestration.

We project that federal funding will only cover \$35 per exam. The College Board plans to contribute \$26 per exam, increasing our total contribution by around \$2 million. Unfortunately, this will leave a shortfall that raises the low-income student contribution to \$20 per exam, up from \$10 in 2013. As a result, we are concerned that this cost may deter some of your low-income students from taking AP Exams and potentially qualifying for college credit and placement they worked hard for and deserve.

Projected 2014 Low-Income Student AP Exam Fee Breakdown				
Federal Contribution	College Board Contribution	Student Contribution	School Rebate – waived for low-income students	Total Fee per Exam
\$35*	\$26*	\$20*	\$8	\$89

* Federal, College Board, and student contributions are estimates

Our goal in providing you with this information now is to give you sufficient time to plan any local efforts to support these students, such as fundraising. Once the final exam fee subsidies are determined, we will be in contact schools with an update.

Thank you for your hard work to ensure that all of your students have the opportunity to realize the benefits of the AP courses and exams.

Sincerely,

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